

Air Force Prime Time, a weekly news magazine for and about airmen stationed overseas, airs Thursday evenings at 8:25 p.m. Central European Time on AFN television. In this week's edition, what's the Air Force doing in Europe, Africa and Southwest Asia; why are we doing the missions we're doing; moving ahead in the 21st Century and more.

News briefs

AFAF campaign

Members of the 52nd Fighter Wing raised nearly \$98,000 during the annual Air Force Assistance Fund campaign, topping its old record by more than \$29,000.

"This really comes as no surprise to me, because I've seen how well members of Team Eifel take care of each other," said Col. John Watkins, 52nd FW vice commander. "I'm pleased to see this wing continue its legacy of rising to the challenge and helping take care of our own."

Courts-martial

Two NCOs were convicted of being absent without leave among other charges in separate courts-martial last week.

Staff Sgt. Wayne M. Carrow, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, pleaded guilty to being AWOL from about Dec. 27, 2000, to March 1, 2001, and of writing three insufficient-fund checks totaling \$1,150. The judge in the special court-martial April 26 sentenced him to 60-days confinement, reduction to airman basic and a bad conduct discharge.

Staff Sgt. Anthony Bennett, 52nd Component Repair Squadron, pleaded guilty to being AWOL from about July 25 to Aug. 14, 2000. A panel of officers and enlisted members in the special court-martial April 27 sentenced him to reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$825 per month for three months and two months hard labor without confinement.

Captain promotions

First Lt. Dawn Matthews, 52nd Medical Group, was the only officer from Spangdahlem Air Base among the 263 selected for promotion to captain April 26 by the calendar 2001A captain judge advocate general, medical service corps, biomedical sciences corps and nurse corps boards.

The entire list is posted on the Air Force Personnel Center World Wide Web home page at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil. Click on "officer" and then "promotions" to reach the list. The captain's board convened March 5 to 9 and considered 265 officers.

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Feeling strapped

Senior Airman William Jones, 52nd Component Repair Squadron, straps cargo onto pallets to be "deployed" during the Phase I Local Salty Nation that took place Tuesday through Thursday. The 52nd Fighter Wing has been conducting monthly exercises to prepare for an upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection this summer. The next LSN, a Phase II, is scheduled for June 5-8 followed by another Phase I June 13-15.

Airman 1st Class Michelle Roquid

High school seniors receive \$2,000 college scholarships

By Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Twelve Bitburg High School seniors recently received scholarships worth \$2,000 each to help off-set the cost of the trade school, college or university of their choice.

The Bitburg American High School Scholarship Committee presented the awards to the students at an assembly April 26 in Bitburg High School.

Spangdahlem Air Base enlisted and officer spouses and civilian clubs raise the money through their spring and Christmas bazaars and contribute the money to the scholarship fund.

Justin Haugen, one of the scholarship recipients, has also applied for other scholarships, grants and tuition-assistance programs to help fund the costs of higher education.

"Every bit counts," said Justin Haugen, one of the recipients. "The scholarship will cover my first year tuition. It helps because I don't want to focus on money while at school. I want focus only on my studies."

To qualify, Bitburg seniors must maintain a 3.0 grade-point average, take part in extra-curricular activities, earn top SAT scores and submit an essay based on a given topic and administered later in the application process.

"The selection process is pretty intensive because we want to ensure the money goes out to the most deserving students," Jay Jay Wiles, association chairperson said.

In past years, the BAHSSC scholarship was only applicable

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Commissaries eliminate need for social security numbers on checks

By Kevin Hennelly
Defense Commissary Agency Public Affairs Office

FORT LEE, Va. - Beginning this month, the Defense Commissary Agency no longer require customers to put their Social Security numbers on checks when paying for their groceries.

"Our customers are telling us they are increasingly concerned about disclosing personal information on their checks that may result in 'identity theft,' violations of personal privacy, fraud or personal financial loss," said Air Force Col. Ed Jones, DeCA comptroller. "We're

listening to our patrons and taking the steps needed to reduce their exposure to these risks."

DeCA's strategic plan directs employees to listen to customers and make it easier for them to use the commissary benefit.

Commissary managers have opened stores earlier, closed them later and offered new services in response to customer suggestions. But, sometimes customer concerns go beyond store hours and product selection. As national anxiety over identity theft mounts,

some civilian retailers have stopped asking for Social Security numbers and military shoppers began asking DeCA to change too.

DeCA is taking the step even though there's little or no risk in DeCA's current requirement for SSNs on checks.

"There's a very low probability of customers having their identities stolen or their Social Security numbers misappropriated at a DeCA commissary," said Fred Stein,

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Arnold Blvd. becomes one lane as water-line upgrades continue

(Editor's Note: SPANGDAHLE under Construction is a periodic update of projects around the base. The goal is to inform people of various facility upgrades, road construction, detours, renovations and more, and how it impacts people who live and work on base. Information for the column is provided by members of the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron.)

Project: Repair and replacement of Spangdahlem Air Base's existing water distribution system, including replacing all lines from the Binsfeld side of the base to the front side of the base.

Location: Along Arnold Boulevard near the base main exchange, continuing toward the main gate and past the filling station.

Start date: October 2000

Completion date: July 2003

Cost: About 16 million DM funded by the U.S., NATO and the Rhein-Main initiative.

Impact: Arnold Boulevard may be reduced to one lane as construction continues in the opposite lane. Construction near the BX on Spangdahlem AB will continue through May 11, weather permitting. Construction extending past the main gate, toward the filling station, is expected to continue throughout the summer. People are urged to drive cautiously around construction sites.

Accidents

By Master Sgt. Franklin McElhaney
52nd Security Forces Squadron
Reports and analysis

Heavy rain and "speed too fast for conditions" caused a large portion of the 20 accidents this past week.

Three of the five major accidents took place on B-50. The first accident occurred Tuesday when the driver of a BMW avoided a deer on the road. While trying to avoid the animal, the driver lost control of the vehicle and it rolled onto its left side. The driver was treated for soreness and cuts at the Bitburg Annex clinic.

The second major accident was a three-car pile-up near the L-43 turnoff on B-50. A German driver came to a sudden stop while trying to make a left turn. The German driver behind the first vehicle stopped while an American, driving a Chevrolet pick-up, was unable to stop in time. A third vehicle pushed the second into the first vehicle. Two of the three vehicles were disabled, but there were no injuries.

An American driving a BMW was cited for "speed too fast for conditions" when he slid off the road on B-50, 300 yards east of the Beilingen turn. The road was wet, the curve sharp and the driver will be paying to replace four sections of guardrail.

The last accident took place on A-1 near Griemerath. An American driving a BMW lost control of the vehicle during heavy rain. The driver escaped injury, but the vehicle was disabled and the driver ticketed.

The 15 minor accidents involved: four caused by "speed too fast for conditions" and wet roads; two animal strikes; three vehicle-to-vehicle collisions; three hitting objects on the road; and three while backing.

There were a total of 82 citations issued this week. Eight of these citations were for speeding on B-50. Currently, there is a temporary speed zone by Metterich that requires drivers to slow to 50 kph. A majority of the tickets have been in this area.

Scholarships

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toward school tuition fees. This year, the association has expanded the possible uses of the scholarship money to include room and board, books or other unrelated expenses payable through the school, as well as tuition costs.

Haugen said he plans to use his scholarship to pay for first year tuition fees at the University of Tuscon, Arizona, where he'll major in computer sciences or business. In his essay, Haugen wrote, the discipline instilled in him by living within a military community provided him a strict guide in helping him choose his path in life. He also wrote, living overseas has helped learn self-reliance and how to adapt to succeed.

Other scholarship recipients for the 2000/2001 school year include Haylie Collins, Megan Calvert, Jessica Brei-Crawley, Matt Reynolds, Elizabeth Regaldo, Nick Johnson, Kim McLearn, Dorcas Williams, Brittany Sanders, Andrew Schenck and Charlie Pierce.

To prevent bias in the selection process, each student is given a code to maintain anonymity until the winners are revealed, said Wiles.

"We're really pleased with this year's recipients," Wiles said. "We believe each one was truly deserving."

Next year's Bitburg High School seniors can begin applying for the scholarship program in February.



Airman
A representative of the Bitburg American High School Scholarship Committee awards Justin Haugen a college scholarship.

Checks

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DeCA's security officer. "Our customers' checks are safeguarded like cash and remain under positive control of appropriate commissary personnel until they are deposited in the bank."

But, just to be sure, DeCA is changing its systems. The agency is modifying its cash register system to stop printing SSN's on the back of checks. Most importantly it means that DeCA has succeeded in developing a closed system to safely retain the SSN to comply with U.S. Treasury guidelines for collecting bad check information. The cashier will enter this information when the customer's identification is checked at the register.

"The results of this re-engineered business process will ensure transaction confidentiality and appropriate audit trails are maintained with the assurance that individual identity is protected," said John Goodman, DeCA's program manager for the cash register system.

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TMO limits service

All traffic management office functions have limited staff 11:30 a.m. to the end of day today because of a squadron function.

Change of command

Lt. Col. Richard G. Naughton assumed command of the 852nd Munitions Support Squadron in a change of command ceremony Wednesday on Buechel Air Base, Germany. Lt. Col. Lisa R. Miller relinquished command and is reassigned to Ramstein Air Base, where she'll work in U.S. Air Forces in Europe headquarters as the chief of nuclear operations. Naughton earned his U.S. Air Force commission in July 1981. His previous assignment was in Washington, D.C., where he was the chief of strategic planning for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency.

SECAF nominee

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush announced his intention to nominate James G. Roche to serve as the next Air Force secretary.



Roche

Roche is currently corporate vice president and president of the Electric Sensors and Systems Sector of the Northrop Grumman Corporation. He has served with Northrop Grumman Corporation since 1984 in a variety of posts.

Before joining the private sector, Roche served as democratic staff director for the U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services from 1983 to 1984, and served at the State Department as principal deputy director of the policy planning staff.

He was a senior professional staff member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence from 1979 to 1981, and served as assistant director of the office of net assessment in the office of the secretary of defense from 1975 to 1979.

Roche is a 23-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, received a master's degree from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School and a doctorate from Harvard Graduate School of Business. (Air Force Print News)

Safety classroom moves

The safety classroom relocated to Spangdahlem Air Base building 316. Call 452-7233 for details.

Family practice clinic closes

The family practice clinic, including

immunizations and outpatient records, closes at noon Thursday for mandatory readiness training. For more information, call 452-8142.

Resurfacing project

Curbside replacement, resurfacing and painting Bitburg Annex military housing parking lots takes place through June. Construction begins at buildings 4-6, followed by buildings 8-9.

The project will be done in three phases. Parking will be limited with each phase as follows:

■Phase I — Residents should park vehicles at least six feet from the curb or on Barnwell street. Building 6 residents can use building four parking spaces throughout this phase.

■Phases II and III — Residents must park outside the cul-de-sac, along Barnwell Street.

Residents planning to leave the area during this time should park their vehicles outside of the construction area before departing.

Call Staff Sgt. Robert Lewis at 452-6747 for more information.

Spang rounds-up transportation rodeo

U.S. Air Forces in Europe transporters test their driving, loading skills in two-day competition

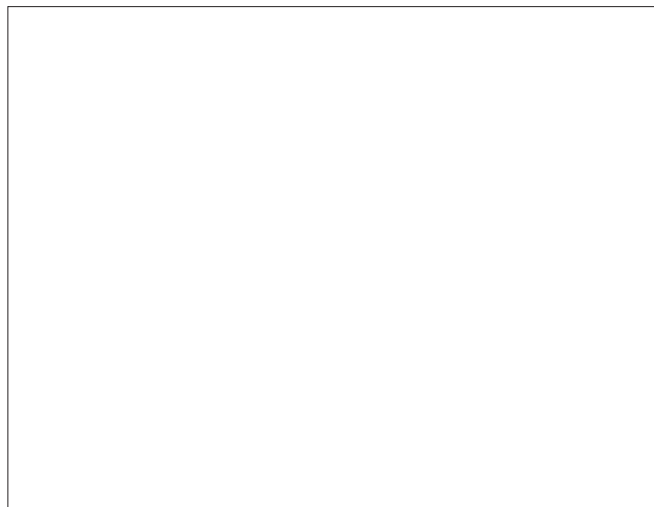
By Capt. Brian Hand
52nd Transportation Squadron

During the past several months, transporters from all over Europe have been honing their skills in preparation for next week's U.S. Air Forces in Europe 2001 Transportation Rodeo taking place May 15-17 on Spangdahlem Air Base.

Each event is designed to test knowledge, readiness and teamwork. Some of the skills to be exhibited are part of the Air Force transportation specialist's daily tasks. Others, such as building a bunker or navigating an obstacle course, are practiced much less often, but are still a vital part of our combat capability.

This year's competition includes teams from Spangdahlem, Incirlik, Ramstein, Spangdahlem, Aviano and Sembach air base; and Royal Air Force Mildenhall, Molesworth and Lakenheath. The 52nd Transportation Squadron and the 606th Air Control Squadron will represent Spangdahlem AB and members of the 86th Transportation Squadron and the 86th Air Mobility Squadron compete for Ramstein AB. A total of 76 players will vie for the championship trophy.

Competitors will troubleshoot vehicle maintenance challenges; perform tractor-trailer, bus, wrecker, forklift, and K-Loader operations; do special packaging construction; solve personal property scenarios; do load planning for cargo



Staff Sgt. Michael Hullender and Senior Airman Corey Thoennes (left to right) double check the accuracy of the documentation for a limited technical inspection of a pick-up before submitting it to the judge in last year's U.S. Air Forces in Europe Transportation Rodeo.

aircraft and perform a joint inspection of deploying cargo. Additionally, this year's competition adds team events where participants build a bunker and run through an obstacle course.

The following events are open to spectators May 15 in the vehicle maintenance compound, near building 110:

■ Load planning, 8 a.m. to noon

■ Fireboard planning, 8 a.m. to noon
■ Forklift troubleshooting, 8 a.m. to noon
■ Joint inspection, 1-5 p.m.
■ Tri-wall loading, 1-5 p.m.
■ Station wagon troubleshooting, 1-5 p.m.

The following events, open to spectators, take place May 16 in the vehicle maintenance compound, near building 110:

■ MHE skills course, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
■ Personal property scenario troubleshooting, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
■ De-icer troubleshooting, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The following events, open to spectators, take place May 17 in the vehicle operations compound, near building 170:

■ Wrecker course, 8 a.m. to noon
■ Bus serpentine course, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
■ Cargo relay race, 1-5 p.m.

The following events, open to spectators, take place May 17 in the special purpose compound, near building 219:

■ Obstacle course, 8 a.m. to noon
■ Bunker building competition, 1-5 p.m.

Units, individuals earn USAFE, other awards

U.S. Air Forces in Europe officials recently announced individual award winners in services, fire and emergency services, life support and weather for 2000.

Services

■ Lt. Col. John E. Povelones III, 52nd Services Squadron, senior military manager
■ Capt. Shawn Campbell, 52nd SVS, military manager
■ Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Watson, 52nd SVS, military superintendent

Fire, emergency services

■ Tech. Sgt. George Deshields, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, military fire prevention officer

Weather

■ Master Sgt. David Lappie, 52nd Operations Support Squadron, SNCO

Life support

■ Master Sgt. Pat Raymond, 52nd OSS, SNCO

Officials from the 52nd Fighter Wing announced recent individual award winners and achievements in leadership, professionalism and innovation.

First-quarter awards

52nd Fighter Wing

■ Capt. Judson Fussell, 52nd Comptroller Squadron, company-grade officer

■ Ingrid Legrand, Staff Judge Advocate office, senior-level civilian

■ Christel Schumacher, Manpower, mid-level civilian

■ Master Sgt. Gary Bennett, Wing Plans, SNCO

■ Staff Sgt. Daryl Bagley, Wing Plans, NCO

■ Senior Airman Tamica Rippe, 52nd CPTS, airman

■ Tech. Sgt. Rafi Ruel, 52nd FW Plans Office, workgroup manager

52nd Medical Group

■ Capt. Anoop Attreya, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron, CGO

■ Tricia Vadney, 52nd MDG, senior-level civilian

■ Lisa Romero, 52nd MDG, mid-level civilian

■ Master Sgt. Kenneth Smithee, 52nd AMDS, SNCO

■ Tech. Sgt. Joel Zoucha, 52nd AMDS, NCO

■ Senior Airman Haley Singler, 52nd Medical Support Squadron, airman

52nd Operations Group

■ Capt. Audrey Sandroock, 52nd OSS, CGO

■ John Bradley, 52nd OSS, senior-level civilian

■ Cindy Simpson, 52nd OSS, mid-level civilian

■ Senior Master Sgt. Cevin Cox, 606th Air Control Squadron, SNCO

■ Staff Sgt. Donald Mason, 606th ACS, NCO

■ Senior Airman Mark Brown, 23rd Fighter Squadron, airman

■ Capt. Richard Wigle, 23rd FS, instructor pilot

■ Capt. Andrew Wiles, 23rd FS, flight lead

■ 1st Lt. Anthony Pelkington, 22nd FS, wingman

■ Staff Sgt. Sean Callies, 81st FS, dedicated crew chief

■ Tech. Sgt. Trent Senneff, 81st FS, senior-level maintenance professional

■ Airman 1st Class Douglas Wilcox, 22nd FS, junior-level maintenance professional

■ Tech. Sgt. Michael Maytes, 52nd OSS, weather forecaster

■ Staff Sgt. Clint Perrone, 52nd OSS, weather observer

■ Load crew (81st Fighter Squadron) - Staff Sgt. Darrell Elliot and Airman 1st Class Gregory Mosqueda and Robert Kurz

■ Senior Airman Jake Madren, 23rd FS, jammer driver

IDEA award

■ Master Sgt. David Nearbin, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, \$400

■ Capt. John Kennedy, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron, \$200

■ Tech. Sgt. Chris Rendon, 52nd Operations Group, \$200

■ Tech. Sgt. Samuel McMillan, 52nd Component Repair Squadron, \$200

U.S. Army, Europe acting awards

■ Tanya Linette, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron, for her performance in the Spangdahlem Air Base presentation of the play, "Don't Dress For Dinner," best comedy actress

■ Special Agent Todd Langefeld, Air Force Office of Investigations, for his directing skills of the Spangdahlem Air Base presentation of the play "Don't Dress For Dinner."

Pay raise targets mid-level NCOs July 1

By Staff Sgt. Amy Parr
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Some mid-level noncommissioned officers will see an increase in their pay come July 1 thanks to the fiscal 2001 National Defense Authorization Act.

Unlike last year's July 1 pay table reform where 75 percent of military members saw a raise, this year's

reform targets E-5s to E-7s with six to 26 years of service.

The raise rewards promotion over longevity and addresses some of the concerns expressed by Department of Defense and congressional leaders regarding retention trends, said Maj. Shannon Averill, Air Force pay and allowances chief.

"This is the initial step to fixing the problem," she

said. "It's also a step toward closing the gap between private-sector civilian wages and military wages."

The Jan. 1 pay raise for 2002, in keeping with the economic consumer index, will be a minimum of 4.6 percent.

For more information on pay increases or to see a pay chart, visit Web site pay2000.dtic.mil.

CCAF graduates earn degrees, two given grants

By Pat Cerone
52nd Mission Support Squadron
Education Office

Two Community College of the Air Force graduates received \$400 Eagle Grant Awards from the Air Force Association during a Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony held on base May 25.

Representatives of the Aerospace Education Foundation presented Staff Sgt. Jeremy Chrisman, 52nd Component Repair Squadron and Staff Sgt. Sane-Ann O'Brien-Thomas, 52nd Medical Support Squadron, the grants encouraging Air Force enlisted members to continue their education, according to Master Sgt. James Stuart, AEF chapter member.

Spring 2001 CCAF graduates include:

Master sergeant

Richard Barker
David Bendele
Brandt Brown
Reginald Bush
Daniel Cyr
Richard Guy
Mark Jarvis
Brian Kelly
Donald Metivier

Technical sergeant

Clifford Hahn
Kurt Haupt
Craig Hutchinson
Bob T. Jackson III
Michael Kelley
Darryl Knowles
Kevin Lake
Franklin McElhaney
Ramon Rivera
Mitchell Shimmel
Andre Tolliver
Corwin Walks

Staff sergeant

Steven Holmes
Robert H. Adams III
Jennifer Baker
Joshua Benninger
Jennifer Bufford
Jeremy Chrisman
Dennis Conley
Robert J. Cumper II
Kenneth Forche
Jaime Garcia-Cruz
David Helms
Robin Hudspath
Lonney Johnson
Thomas Jones
Ronald Juliana
Cristina Larios
Lucy Nagel
Sane-Ann O'Brien-Thomas
Kevin Peters
Edward Purdy
Jacqualyn Scott
Michael Silvia
Teodoro Trujillo
Michael Walle
Romney Wilber
Heidi Willis

Senior Airmen

Matthew S. Benton Jr.
Douglas Fultz
Marie Gall
William Hilton
Steven Holmes
Joshua Kawka
William Koch III
Derrick Powell
Cynthia Vaughn
David Way
Jennifer Wilson

Airman first class

Steven Holmes
William Sullivan

Community Mailbox

Hummel signing

A Goebels master craftsman signs newly purchased Hummels 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Spangdahlem Air Base main exchange. Figurines must have been purchased at the main exchange the day of the signing to qualify for an autograph. Call the store at 452-6851 for details.

Cinco de Mayo dance

The Spangdahlem AB Community Center holds a Cinco de Mayo dance 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday with free salsa dance lessons 9-10 p.m. Hispanic food will be available. Cost is \$3 per person. For more information, call 452-7381.

SMS carpet auction

The Spangdahlem Middle School holds a carpet auction 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday to raise money for the eighth-grade class trip. Handmade Turkish rugs are being auctioned. For more information, call the school at 452-7205.

Pet fair

The Spangdahlem Air Base Veterinary Treatment Facility pet fair takes place 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the veterinary facility in Oberweis. Events include a vaccination clinic, animal trick contests, photo and essay contests, and more.

In addition, a nature walk takes place noon to 2 p.m. May 12 on the Spangdahlem Air Base nature trail. Call the pet spa at 452-9362 for details.

BHS advisory committee

The Bitburg High School advisory committee meets at 3:30 p.m. Monday and 3:15 p.m. Thursday in the information center. Election of new committee members and a review of next year's handbook and policies are on the agendas.

School registration

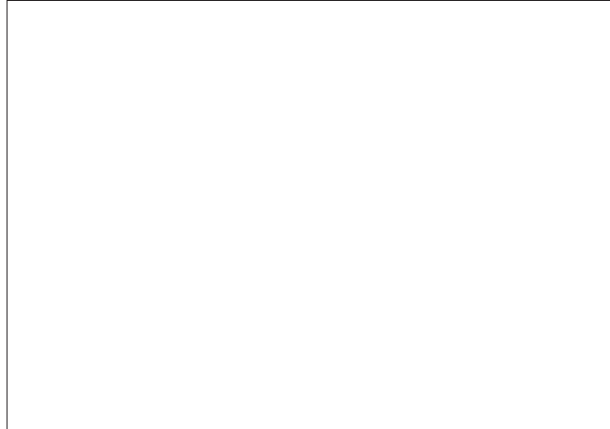
Registration for Spangdahlem Middle School takes place 8 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. Parents are asked to bring copies of shot records, social security numbers and orders. For more information, call the school at 452-7255.

SSEMC meeting

The next Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Gemeindehaus in Spangdahlem village. Members and guests are asked to make reservations by Sunday. Call Sue Sweeney at 06565-942245 or Misty Tovar at 06575-959369 for reservations or more information.

EMS spouses meeting

The equipment maintenance squadron spouses meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the conference room of building 48. Topics of discussion include the BASH and a member



Airman 1st Class Michelle Roquid

Earth first

Tabitha Coleman, Earth Week volunteer, answers questions about parakeets from two students during the environmental fair at the Spangdahlem Middle School April 26. The fair was part of Earth Week activities held throughout Spangdahlem Air Base and the Bitburg Annex April 21-27.

appreciation wine probe. For more information, call Maggie Warren at 06565-942638.

Scholarships

The Spangdahlem Company Grade Officers Council offers quarterly \$100 scholarships to senior airmen and below pursuing a degree with a minimum grade point average of 2.5 and no unfavorable information file. The deadline to apply is May 11.

For more information, call Capt. Shawn Campbell at 452-6767.

Jehovah's witnesses

The following events take place at Lerchenstrasse 5 in Bitburg for Jehovah's witnesses:

■A public talk, "Why mankind needs a ransom," at 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

■A discussion on, "Miracles, can you believe in them?" at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

■A theocratic school service meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday.

For more information, call Michael Schnitzspan at 06562-9319065.

Family support center news

The following classes take place in building 2001 on the Bitburg Annex. Call 452-9491 for details or to register.

■"Mommy and Me" craft 9-10 a.m. Monday.

■Creative critters 10-11 a.m. Monday.

■Key spouse conference 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday.

■Resume writing 5-7 p.m. Tuesday.

■Retirement pay briefing 8-10 a.m. and again 1-3 p.m. Wednesday.

■Interview skills 1:30-4 p.m. Thursday.

■IRA seminar 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

■Spouses orientation 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 11.

The following classes take place in

building 307 on Spangdahlem AB. Call 452-6422 to register or for more information.

■Pre-deployment briefing 8-9 a.m. Tuesday.

■Traveling with children 9-10 a.m. Thursday.

Spring carnival

The Bitburg Elementary School Parent and Teacher Association seeks volunteers to help with a spring carnival taking place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 19. Call Pamela Troester at 06561-604759 or e-mail pamela.troester@spangdahlem.af.mil before May 15 to register.

CDC closes

The Bitburg Annex Child Development Center closes May 25 because the halls and lobby areas will be carpeted. The facility will pro-rate the fees for the week. Parents who need child care may use the Spangdahlem AB facility.

Free mouth guards

Appointments are now available in the Spangdahlem AB Dental Clinic to be fitted for free mouth guards for sporting activities. To schedule an appointment, call 452-8193.

Girl scouts

The Spangdahlem Air Base Girl Scouts seek a committee chairperson to fill a one-year appointment so scouting can continue after May 31. Call Lisa Denoncour at 06565-944587.

Summer day camp

The Cub Scouts local chapter seeks volunteers to help with summer day camp July 9-14. Specifically, the Scouts need nature, sports and outdoor directors, and den leaders. The camp is designed to encourage and teach boys to use leadership skills. Call Gary Hackl at 06553-1745 or John Kennedy at 06561-948843 for details or to sign up.

The Age of the Dinosaur Day Camp costs \$45 per Scout or \$52 for new Scouts. The week includes archery, nature skills, crafts, BB gun marksmanship, digging for dinosaur bones and eggs, sports and games. Daily bus transportation is provided to and from the camp for both Spangdahlem AB and the Bitburg Annex.

Learning new skills

The 52nd Services Squadron skills development center offers the following classes in May in Bitburg Annex building 2002. Call 452-9316 for details or to register.

■Tole painting, 6-8 p.m. May 23. Cost is \$12.

■Quilting, five-week class beginning at 6 p.m. May 21. Cost is \$30.

The following classes take place in Spangdahlem Air Base building 189. Call 452-6841 for details or to register.

■Framing, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 12. Cost is \$25.

■Auto mechanics, 5-7 p.m. Wednesday and May 16. Cost is \$20.

■Tole painting, 6-8 p.m. May 21. Cost is \$12.

AA hot line

The Alcoholics Anonymous 24-hour hot line is 0162-6586112 or go to www.aa-europe.net.

Education office news

■Effective Saturday, first-term airmen who have outstanding college loans may be eligible for the College Loan Repayment Program.

■Applications for spouse tuition assistance for Term 5 (June 4 through July 27) are now available in the education center and Bitburg Annex Post Office. The deadline to apply is May 11.

■Veterans Education Assistance Program participants are eligible to convert to the Montgomery GI Bill through Oct. 31. As of Tuesday, certain eligible active-duty members have the opportunity to increase Chapter 30 benefits by \$5,400 by making a maximum contribution of \$600.

■Military members within one year of completing their bachelor's degree and are under 35 may be eligible to apply for the Professional Officer Corp Early Release Program one-year ROTC commissioning. Application deadlines begin May 1.

■Active-duty members under the Montgomery GI Bill can enhance their benefits up to \$5,400 by contributing an additional \$600 in their present MGIB. The offer isn't available to members who converted from VEAP.

Call the base education office at 452-6063 for more information.

Pre-school opportunities

■The Bunny Club meets at 10 a.m. each Thursday in Bitburg Annex building 2001. Call Michelle Linnen at 452-3130 for details.

■Ready, Set, Grow meets at 11 a.m. each Wednesday in Bitburg Annex building 2001. Call Cindy Gabehart at 452-3130 for details.

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Bitburg Castle

Tonight

Enemy at the Gates (R)

Expert Nazi sniper Maj. Koenig was sent to Stalingrad to kill other snipers he finds. He soon finds himself locked in a duel for the love of a Russian-American sniper.

Saturday

The Wedding Planner (PG-13)

A busy wedding planner realizes she spends so much time organizing other people's romances that she doesn't think about her own love life. And then she meets Mr. Right who's engaged to one of the brides she's helping.

Sunday

Sugar and Spice (PG-13)

The A-Squad is a typical group of mall-going, pizza-eating, boy-chasing teenagers, living on the edge of perfection. Each member has her foibles, but when they work together, they rule.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

The Gift (R)

Annie is a recently widowed mother of three boys who struggles to support her family by giving psychic readings. Soon her visions begin to unravel the town's dark secret and she finds herself in increasing danger. Her "gift" becomes the only hope to save herself and her family.

Thursday

Head Over Heels (PG-13)

A single girl in Manhattan, finds herself rooming with four fabulous model roommates. She finds herself and she's not sure whether to thank her lucky stars or curse her lot in life.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Tonight

Somebody Like You (PG-13)

Jane has everything going for her with her daytime talk show and a hot romance. She begins an extensive study of male behavior to try to find out what makes men tick. Her research leads her to become an overnight guru for single women everywhere.

Saturday

Somebody Like You

Sunday

Saving Silverman (PG-13)

Four guys have been best friends since the fifth grade, when they swore nothing could break them up, but a great-looking, manipulative psychiatrist tries to break up their friendship.

Monday

Sweet November (PG-13)

Based on a 1968 romantic comedy based. A man's life is dramatically changed in only one month because of an extraordinary woman. Her rules are simple — No questions, no holding back and absolutely no more than one month together.

Tuesday

Monkeybone (PG-13)

Life couldn't be better for Stu. He's happy, in love and on the verge of success as his comic strip is about to become a national television show. But on the night Stu is to propose, he's struck down in a freak accident and he must outwit death.

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 452-9441.

Cochem Castle opens for season

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Exploring Cochem Castle is most often the highlight of tours along the Mosel River.

Historians say the castle was built about 1020, during the reign of Count Palatine Ezzo; however, the castle's first documentation dates it a few years younger at 1051 when Richeza, Count Palatine Ezzo's oldest daughter and former queen of Poland, passed the castle on to her nephew, Count Palatine Heinrich I.

The association between Cochem Castle and the Palatine continued even after the Ezzo era. Subsequently, King Konrad II put an end to a dispute over Count Heinrich I's title to the castle in 1151 by installing a governor over the fortification and reclaiming it permanently after the governor died.

In 1688, French troops occupied the castle after King Louis XIV invaded the Rhine and Mosel regions during the Palatine War of Succession. After French troops took over the Cochem town in March 1689, the castle was set on fire and nearly destroyed by the French.

The castle remained a ruin until 1868 when Louis Ravene, a businessman from Berlin, bought the land and had the castle restored. Remnants of the castle's late Gothic construction were used as the basis for its reconstruction. It was restored in neo-Gothic style, in line with the Romantic ideas of the 19th century and served as a residence for the Ravene family until 1978.

Today, Cochem Castle is still magnificently furnished and includes renaissance and baroque furnishings. Since the late 70s, the castle has been in the possession of the Cochem Town Council, managed by a private company and open for tours.

It opens 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry is 7 DM for adults and 6 DM for children and students. Groups of 12 people and more pay 6 DM each. The entry price includes a 40-minute tour through the castle. English-speaking tours for groups must be booked in advance.

Medieval dinners are also available at the castle. The next Spangdahlem Air Base Information, Tickets and Tours sponsored dinner trip to the castle takes place May 19. Cost is \$65 per person. Call 452-6567 for details or to register.

Cochem Castle overlooks the Mosel River.

Iris Reiff

Out and about

■Attend an exhibition featuring ceramic and textile art by four Hungarian artists. The show takes place through May 13 in the "Old Mill" of the Himmerod Abbey. The display is open 2-6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

■Make plans to attend the Rheinland-Pfalz Tag 2001 June 15-17 in Landau. It's the biggest folk festival of the state, offering German and American forces static displays, historical information booths, art and culture, a children's festival, open air concerts, a parade through the city and German food. For more information, call 06341-13183 or visit www.Rlp-tag.de.

■Cochem castle just opened for the 2001 summer season. The castle, located within 15 minutes walking distance of the town of Cochem, is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Entry is 7 DM for adults and 6 DM for children. Groups of 12 and more people pay 6 DM each.

■Purchase tickets now for Trier's historical open-air plays of the city's annual Antiquity Festival June 27 through July 22.

■Explore Verdun, France, with members of the German-American Friendship Club May 19. Call Gisela Traut at 452-6172 or Marlies Wallen at 452-6063 for details or to register.

■The German-American club meets for its monthly dinner at 7 p.m.

Thursday in the Speicher Unter den Kastanien restaurant. Reservations aren't required.

■The Gondorf Eifel Park recently opened for the 2001 season. Park information will be featured in an upcoming issue of the Eifel Times.

■Art enthusiasts can see paintings by numerous German artists in the Trier Simeonstift city museum, located near the Porta Nigra. The show is open daily 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Subjects relate to the 1930s. Visit the museum's Web site at www.museum-trier.de for details.

■Guns n' Roses, Limp Bizkit, Radiohead, Tool, Papa Roach, A-Ha, Him, Echt, Reamonn, Samy Deluxe, Three Doors Down, K'S Choice, Thumb and other bands perform at the 2001 Rock at the Ring open air festival June 1-3. Tickets are available at the Spangdahlem ITT office at 452-6567 or 452-7770.

■People interested in joining a Linux users group based in Geilenkirchen, Germany, should contact Chris Bragg at chris@gklug.org or visit the group's Web site at <http://gklug.org>.

■A limited number of tickets are available for the Glenn Miller Orchestra playing at 9 p.m. June 3 in the Luxembourg Wiltz Open-Air Theater. Musical highlights include song titles, "In the Mood," "Moonlight Serenade," "Rhapsody in Blue" and more. Call 0651-

41253 or 0651-9941188 for tickets.

■People interested in playing paintball games each Saturday should contact Morgan Bowker at morgan@topsurl.com or call 06568-93063.

■Pick up a volksmarching schedule at the fitness center or visit the Eifel Wanderers Web site at www.welcome.to/eifelwanderers for more information.

Information, Tickets and Tours offers the following tours in May. Call the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center at 452-6567 or the Bitburg Annex community center at 452-9120 for details.

■Paris overnight May 12. Cost is \$185 for adults, \$130 for children 3-12.

■Mosel River dinner cruise and wine tasting May 12. Cost is \$48 per person.

■Six Flags, Holland, May 12. Cost is \$59 for adults, \$49 for children 39-inches minimum height to 55-inches maximum.

■Rhein River cruise May 13. Cost is \$39 for adults, \$29 for children ages 4-13.

■Cochem medieval dinner May 19. Cost is \$65 per person.

■Paris express May 19. Cost is \$89 for adults, \$75 for children ages 3-17.

■Belgian grottoes and safari park May 19. Cost is \$45 for adults, \$25 for children ages 3-12.

■Koln zoo and aquarium May 20. Cost is \$30 for adults, \$25 for children 4-17.

■Spain for three nights May 24-28. Early booking cost is \$198 for adults.

■Poland deluxe tour for two nights May 25-28. Early booking cost is \$289 for adults.

■Disneyland Paris May 26. Cost is \$85 for adults, \$75 for children ages 3-11.

■Oberhausen Mall May 28. Cost is \$25 for adults, \$20 for children ages 3-12.

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The outdoor recreation program sponsors the following trips in May. Call 452-7176 for details.

■Beginning and intermediate rock climbing May 12-13. Cost is \$80 per person with camping.

■Two-day horseback trail riding May 19-20. Cost is \$170.

■Whitewater rafting and canyoning trip May 25-28. Cost ranges from \$225-\$290, depending on accommodations.

■Bicycle maintenance clinic May 30. Cost is \$10.

Soccer team wins third 3-1 vs. SHAPE

By John Hall
Bitburg High School girls' soccer coach

Bitburg High School's Lady Barons extended its soccer season record to 3-0 Saturday by defeating the Lady Spartans 3-1.

Kristi Wilding scored the first goal against Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe from outside the penalty box. The Lady Barons gave up a goal to SHAPE to go into the half tied 1-1.

Combining passing, speed and control set up the next two goals for the Lady Barons. Kayla Swenson and Jessica Wood each scored in the second half off assists from the other.

Kim McLearn, Michelle Lewis, Elizabeth Regalado, Andra Vanderneck and Brittany Sanders played strong defense to hold the Lady Spartans scoreless in the second half.

The Lady Barons travel to the International School of Brussels today for a 3 p.m. match that was rained out earlier in the season.

The squad takes on Allied Forces North Saturday in a rematch of the

Falcons wrap up practice with Blue-Silver game

By Master Sgt. Jim Greeley
Air Force Print News

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The Air Force Academy football team wrapped up three weeks of spring football practice April 28 with the Blue-Silver game at Falcon Stadium.

In front of 500 fans, the Blue team used tough defense and timely offense to tag Silver with a 30-7 loss during the annual inter-squad game.

The Falcons, which capped a solid 9-3 season last year with a 37-34 win in the Silicon Valley Football Classic bowl game, enter the 2001 season with a lot of questions and open positions.

The Blue-Silver game didn't answer many of those questions for Falcon's head coach Fisher DeBerry.

"I'm pleased with how our spring went," DeBerry said after the game. "I'm disappointed Silver didn't get the ball in the end zone, but it's hard in a game like this where you limit what the offenses can do."

One major limit in the game was injuries. Thirty-eight Falcon players did not play in the game due to injuries or other reasons. Included on the injured list are the Falcon's All-American candidate, wide receiver Ryan Fleming, and standout offensive linemen Ben Miller. Fleming is nursing leg problems and Miller is recovering from shoulder and hand surgery.

Defense was key in the game, and Blue's

defense seemed to do all the right things. Led by sophomore linebacker Adrian Wright, the Blue defense forced five turnovers. Wright had 11 tackles, three for losses. He also forced a fumble, recovered a fumble, had a sack and three pass deflections.

"I knew I would come in and play well," said Wright, who is vying for a starting position. "I knew I would make some plays."

Blue stifled Silver's offense all day with one exception, a 100-yard kick-off return for a touchdown by wide receiver Ricky Amezaga. Amezaga fielded the third quarter kick on his goal line and ran straight up the middle.

Kick returns for touchdowns are something of a novelty for Air Force. The team hasn't had a kickoff return for a score in 16 years.



Tech. Sgt. John Lasky

At left, defensive tackle Richard Diehl attempts to deflect a pass from quarterback Ryan Blew during the Blue-Silver game. Above, quarterback Keith Boyea hopelessly watches the football bounce away.

"We noticed there was a seam on the previous kick off," Amezaga said. "I was running with (teammate) Bryan Blew and I could hear him say, 'Come on!'" Some great blocks opened it up for me and I followed Bryan and he got (blocked) the kicker."

The Falcons are expected to field a good defensive team this year, but the jury is still out the team's offense. In 2000, the Falcons had the third best rushing offense in the country, led primarily by graduating seniors Mike Thiessen, quarterback, and Scott McKay, running back.

To win games in 2001, someone will have to step up and fill the holes left by the scoring tandem. The Falcons begin fall practice Aug. 1 and open the season with defending national champion Oklahoma Sooners Sept. 1 at Falcon stadium.

"I think we have a good tackling football team and we'll be very competitive next year if we can keep guys on the field,"

Eifel Sports World

Lady Sabers softball

The Spangdahlem Air Base Lady Sabers varsity softball team opens the 2001 season in a game against Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Spangdahlem AB ball field.

The Lady Sabers season schedule follows:

- May 12 vs. Giessen
- May 19 vs. Kaiserslautern
- May 20 at home vs. Ramstein
- June 2 at home vs. Mannheim
- June 3 vs. Heidleberg
- June 9 vs. Hanau
- June 23 at home vs. Baumholder
- July 7 vs. Rhein-Main
- July 14 vs. Wiesbaden
- July 21 at home vs. Darmstadt

Free massages

The Health and Wellness Center offers free five-minute back massages in recognition of May as Fitness Month. Massages are by appointment only 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. by calling 452-9355.

Track championships

Spangdahlem Air Base sponsors the U.S. Air Forces in Europe 2001 Track and Field Championships May 26. The day-long competition begins at 10 a.m. at the Bitburg city stadium and includes more than 25 men's and women's events.

Spangdahlem AB seeks military ID card holders interested in participating in events. People should submit their intent to participate to the Spangdahlem AB fitness center by May 18. Each submission must include a name, rank, social security number, organization and events to enter. Call 452-6496 for more information.

Volunteers needed

The youth sports program seeks umpires and scorekeepers for the youth baseball season. The season begins Saturday. Call 452-6729 for details.

Intramural tennis

The intramural tennis season runs Monday through July 2. All games take place on the Spangdahlem AB courts. Contact a squadron sports representative for details or to register.

HAWC news

- A week-long fitness boot camp takes place 6:30-7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and May 14-18.
- A two-session stress management course takes place at 3 p.m. Tuesday and May 22.
- Weight Training 101, a course teaching how to set up personal weightlifting routines, takes place 2-4 p.m. Thursday.
- A course on fitness at home takes place noon to 1 p.m. May 16.
- Women of Iron, a class teaching weight training basics, takes place 2-4 p.m. May 17.
- A class on shoe and foot fitness takes place noon to 1 p.m. May 23.

All classes meet in the Health and Wellness Center in Spangdahlem Air Base building 192. Call 452-9355 for details or to register.

Fitness center news

Participate in the following events celebrating May as Fitness Month.

- A kick-off health fair and fun run takes place at 9:30 a.m. Monday. Free blood pressure checks, micro-tit testing and healthy snacks will be provided.
- A racquetball tournament takes place at 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.
- An aerobathon takes place at 5 p.m. Thursday.
- A 20-kilometer bike race takes place at 10 a.m. Thursday starting from behind the Spangdahlem AB Post Office.
- Three-on-three basketball takes place at 5 p.m. May 14.
- Base volleyball enthusiasts meet at 1 p.m. May 18.
- Tennis enthusiasts meet to play at 10 a.m. May 21.
- Play horseshoes at 2 p.m. May 21.
- A bench press competition takes place at 2 p.m. May 22.

Events meet at the Spangdahlem Air Base fitness center, building 152, unless specified otherwise. Call 452-6496 for more information.

NFL Europe tickets

Sign-ups are being taken at the Spangdahlem AB ITT first-come, first-served for a May 12 NFL Europe game at Frankfurt. Cost is \$10 and includes bus transportation from Spangdahlem AB. For more information, call 452-7381.